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What is claimed:

1. A portable computing device comprising:
a housing having top and bottom portions connected by a hinge, said top and bottom housing portions having an inwardly facing surface, an outwardly facing surface and a peripheral edge;
5 a set of keys disposed on an inwardly facing surface of said bottom portion;
a display screen disposed on an inwardly facing surface of said top portion; and
10 a leather grain layer disposed on an exterior facing surface of said top portion.

2. The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein said leather grain layer is disposed on a major portion of said outwardly facing surface of said top portion of said housing.

3. The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein said leather grain layer comprises a random grain pattern.

4. The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein said outwardly facing surface of said top portion of said housing comprises at least one edge portion bordering said leather grain layer, said edge portion having a surface area less than the surface area of said
20 leather grain layer.

5. The portable computing device of claim 4, wherein said edge portion is smoother in texture than said leather grain layer.

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5. The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein said leather grain layer is located at least on a substantial portion of said outwardly facing surface of said top portion of said housing.

6. The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein said leather grain layer comprises natural or synthetic leather.

7. A portable computing device comprising:
a housing having top and bottom shell portions hingedly connected along a lateral edge of said shell portions, each of said shell portions having an outwardly facing surface and an inwardly facing surface, said inwardly facing surfaces facing one another when said top and bottom shell portions are swiveled along said hinge into a closed position;
a set of keys located on said inwardly facing surface of said bottom shell portion;
a display screen located on said inwardly facing surface of said top shell portion;
and
a leather grain layer disposed ^{directly and integrally} on said outwardly facing surface of said top shell portion.

8. The portable computing device of claim 7 wherein said leather grain layer comprises natural leather.

9. The portable computing device of claim 8 wherein said top shell portion comprises a pair of lateral edge portions bordering said leather grain layer, said lateral edge portions not exhibiting a leather grain.

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